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SUBJECT: MARINE CARGO INSURANCE

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1. TREICHEL CHECKED STATUS OF DATES FOR MARINE CARGO INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEL'NIKOV IN CHICAGO. LATTER STATED THAT DATES AROUND JANUARY 10-12 WERE SATISFACTORY TO SOVIET SIDE, BUT IVANOV MAY HAVE TO SHIFT THEM SLIGHTLY, TREICHEL POINTED OUT THAT IVANOV HIMSELF HAD PICKED WEEK OF JANUARY 9 FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND US SIDE HAD RESPONDED ACCORDINGLY. MEL'NIKOV AGREED THAT THIS WAS SO, BUT REPEATED THAT THE DATES MIGHT HAVE TO BE CHANGED SLIGHTLY AND THAT IVANOV WOULD HAVE TO GET CLEARANCE FOR THE DATES FROM MINISTER PATOLICHEV. ACCORDING MEL'NIKOV, PATOLICHEV WAS IN FINLAND WHEN MEL'NIKOV LEFT FOR US. MEL'NIKOV ALSO STATED THAT EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR HAD WRITTEN LETTER
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TO IVANOV TO CLEAR UP MATTER OF DATES.

2. EITHER INTENTIONALLY OR INADVERTANTLY SOVIETS HAVE MANAGED TO OBSCURE STATUS OF DATES FOR MARINE CARGO INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS. UNLESS E/C COUNSELOR'S LETTER TO IVANOV HAS ELICITED SATISFACTORY CLARIFICATION FROM SOVIETS, REQUEST COUNSELOR MEET PERSONALLY WITH IVANOV OR ZINOVIEV

AND NAIL DOWN JANUARY 10-12 DATES ASAP. COUNSELOR SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE BLACKWELL HAD MADE EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE IVANOV ON DATES BY PROPOSING JANUARY 10-12. FAILURE TO AGREE QUICKLY ON DATES FOR NEGOTIATIONS IS UNLIKELY TO SATISFY COMPLAINANT OR STR.

3. DISCUSSION WITH MEL'NIKOV ALSO REVEALED HE THOUGHT HEARINGS CALLED FOR BY SECTION 301 OF TRADE ACT WOULD TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON WITH MARINE INSURANCE NEGOTIATIONS IN LONDON. TREICHEL STRESSED THAT PURPOSE OF LONDON TALKS IS TO RESOLVE MARINE CARGO INSURANCE ISSUE TO SATISFACTION OF COMPLAINANT (AIMU) SO THAT COMPLAINT WOULD BE WITHDRAWN AND HEARINGS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. MEL'NIKOV SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS TO HIS GOVERNMENT. IN CASE THIS MISUNDERSTANDING ON RELATIONSHIP OF HEARINGS TO LONDON NEGOTIATIONS IS NOT CONFINED TO MEL'NIKOV, REQUEST E/C COUNSELOR EXPLAIN IT AGAIN TO IVANOV OR ZINOVIEV. CHRISTOPHER

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